

Appl. No. 09/871,608
Amdt. Dated September 15, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 15, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the following Section Title beginning on page 8, line 22 of the substitute specification (page 30, line 22 of the Office Action Response dated January 17, 2003) :

-- ~~Abstract~~ --

Please delete the following paragraph beginning on page 8, line 23 of the substitute specification (page 30, line 23 of the Office Action Response dated January 17, 2003) :

-- ~~A tension member comprising a plurality of fiber filaments (21) gathered into a plurality of strands (20). The filaments (21) run close together, and a protective sheath (16) is provided around the strands. Each strand (20) is coated on the exterior thereof with a sheath (22) of a material having a low friction coefficient, permitting the strands (20) to move longitudinally in relation to one another and independently of each other.~~ --